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More News from Wilt-shire.

In a most Exact Account of the Aparition of
the Ghost, or Spirit of *Edward Aven*.

Published heretofore, but now much Augmented, with many more
Discoveries, containing wonderful Passages, from its first Ap-
pearance there, to the 24th. of Jan. 167⁴.

BEING

The Examination of *Thomas Godard*, the said
Avens Son in Law, taken before the Major,
and other Majestrates of that Borrough.

*I the Under written did examine the Above Named
Thomas Godord, who declared the whole matter,
as it is herein related, and he doth affirm the same
to be true in all Circumstances, and to my knowledge
he is a Man of a good Understanding, Honest
Life and Conversation.*

Witness my Hand,

WWilliam Houldbrook.

Printed in the year, 1675.

SIR,

THis is to Certifie you, that *Edward Aven*, doth still appear, and shews himself to several people : First to *Elizabeth Hibertt*, next to one Goodman *Butten*, otherwise *Viat*, next to *M^r. Richard Coleman's* maid of this Town, and in the same Cloaths, which he wore in his life time; as a long White-Crown'd-hatt, Blew Cloaths, and White Stockings : All this Last Week he was seen.

William Houlbrook.

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**A Relation of Tho. Godard, of Marble-
borough, in the County of Wilts, Weaver; made the
23. of November, 1674.**

WHo saith, that the ninth Day of November, about nine of the clock in the forenoon, being *Monday*, he going hence to *Ogborne St. Andrew* in the same County, to one *John Hawks* in the same place, Husbandman, with a piece of serge, which he had woven for the said *John Hawks* at a Stile neer *Godres* grounds in *Ogborne*, neer the High-way, there he saw the perfect apparition of *Edward Aven*, late of this town *Glover* (with whose Daughter this relatant married) in the shape of the same Cloathis, Hat, Shooes, and Stockings, that he usually wore while he lived; who to this Relatants own knowledge dyed at *Collingborn-Kingston*, in this County, on the eleventh of *May* last, and was by him, this relatant and others of his relations brought thence, and buried here in *St. Marys Church-yard*, the next day, viz. the twelfth Day of *May*; and he saith, that the Apparition to his seeming, leaned over a stile; and when he was come near the said stile, the apparition did speak with an audible voice these words, viz. *Are you afraid?* To which the relatant answered, I am thinking of one who is dead and buried, which you are like to; to which the Apparition answered with the like voice of *Edward Aven*, I am he that you was thinking of, I am *Edward Aven*, your Father-in-Law, come near to me, and I will do you no harm, and this relatant replied, viz. I trust in him, who hath bought my soul with his precious blood, you shall do me no harm, and the Apparition said, How stands cases at home, and the relatant said, What cases, and the Apparition

said, How do *Will* and *Mary*, meaning this relators Wife and her Brother, which is the said *Avens* Son and Daughter, then the Apparition said, What? *Taylor* is dead, meaning as this relator supposed, one *John Taylor* of *London*, Shoemaker, who had married *Sarah* another of the said *Avens* daughters, which said *Taylor* as this relator hath heard, dyed about *Michaelmas* last past; Then the Apparition held out his hand, and in it as this relator supposed money about twenty or 30 shillings in silver, and it said, with the like audible voice, take this money and send it *Sarah*, for I shut up my bowels of compassion towards her in the time of my life, and now here is some money for her, and further said, *Mary* is troubled for me, but tell her that God hath shewed mercy to me beyond my deserts, and this relator said, upon offering of the said money to him, he replied to the said Apparition; In the name of *Jesus Christ* I refuse all such moneys. Then it spoke these words; *I perceive you are afraid, I will meet you some other time*, then immediately as this relator perceived it went up the Lane; whereupon this relator went over the stile as aforesaid, being in much fear, and for that time saw him no more: And this relator further saith, that he being at work at his Loom in his own house about seven a clock in the Evening of the same Day the said Apparition lift up the lid of his window, and finding it to be the same apparition that he had met the same Day at *Ogborn* stile as aforesaid being in much fear, run out of his shop, and saw no more of it that night, but saith; that the next night after this relator went forth into his back side about the same hour with a candle in his hand to make water, and as he was so doing the like Apparition came round his Wood house, and this relator also being in a fear and his Candle waxing out, he run into his house, and said he saw it no more that night, but saith further, that on *Thursday* the 12th. of this instant *November*, as this relator was riding

ing homeward from Sir *Bolbroock Whitelocks* house, in *Chilton Lodge* in this County about 3 or 4 a clock in the Afternoon in the bottom near *Ramsberry Manner-house*, as he was riding down the hill there to his apprehension he saw a Hare running out of the old Park, there a thwart in the highway into the Cops, at which the relatants horse afrighted, and rared on his hinder legs, overthrew into the dirt, and as soon as he could recover on his legs, he saw the like apparition standing about 8 foot from him, directly in the way before him, & said with the like voice. *Thomas you have tarried long*, and then said to this relatant, *Thomas bid Will Aven take the sword that he had of me which is now in his house, and carry it to the wood as we go to Alton to the upper end of the wood, which lyeth by the way side, for wish that sword I did wrong above 30 years ago, and he never prospered since he has had the sword, and bid Will Aven give his Sister Sarah 20 shillings of the money which he had of me, and do you talk with Edward Laurence, for I borrowed 20 shillings of him several years ago, and did say that I had payd him it when I did not pay it him, and I cannot be at rest till the 20 s. be paid, and I would desire you to pay him the 20 s. out of the money which you had of James Elliot at 2 payments. Which money he this relatant affirmeth was 5 Pound, which he the said James Elliot a Baker of this Town owed him the said Aven whiles he lived upon bond, which money this relatant received from the said James Elliot since Michaelmas last at 2 payments, viz, 35 shillings at one time, & 35 shillings at another, and then the Apparition further said to this relatant. Tell *Margret*, meaning as this relatant confereth it might be, the said Aven's wife, that I would desire her to deliver the Kettel which I gave to little Sarah Taylor to the little child, or to anyone that she will intrust for it, but if she will not speak to Edward Laurence to perswade her, but if she will not, then tell her I will see her suddenly, and said, see that this be done within*

within twelve months and a day after my Death, and peace be with
 you; and so it went away over the rail into the Wood there,
 as any man may go over a stile, to this relators apprehensi-
 on; and so this relator saw it no more at that time; & this re-
 lator further saith, that accordingly he has paid the said Ed-
 ward Lawrence the 20 s. who also was here present, affirmeth,
 that he had lent the said Aven 20 s. above 20 y. ago, and that
 none knew thereof but the said Lawrence and his Wife; and
 the said Aven and his Wife; and this relator further saith,
 that the last night he making relation of the said Apparition
 and passages unto Christopher Lipperd now Mayor of this
 Town and others he was advised by them to order William
 Aven to carry the said sword to the said Copps neer Alton, &
 that this relator should go with him thither; whereupon the
 relator & the said Aven did resolve to go as on Tuesday
 following, which was on the morrow, and saith, that he this
 relator and his Brother-in-law, as he affirmeth, were both ve-
 ry much troubled in mind to see, that they could not sleep
 until they were both resolved to carry the sword to the said
 Copps on that day; and accordingly both did, and saith; that
 both of them coming to the said Copps about 9 of the clock
 in the morning, the said William Aven took the sword, and
 laid it down neer the place as this relator was directed by
 the said Apparition; and both of them turning about to come
 away from thence, this relator looking back saw the Appari-
 tion in like habit of cloth as aforesaid; which when this re-
 lator discovered, he said to his Brother-in-law, *Here is the Ap-
 parition of Father*; but he said, *I see it not*; so this relator falling
 on his knees, praying to God to preserve them both, asking
 his said Brother-in-law whether he did see it; who said, *No*;
 and then he said, *Lord open his eyes; that he may see it*; who then
 replied, *Lord grant that I may not see it, if it be thy blessed will*;
 & then the Apparition beckned his hand to him to come to
 it,

it, & this relatant then said, *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, what would you have me to do?* and the Apparition said to this relatant, *Thomas, take up the sword and follow me,* & this relatant said, *Should both of us come, or one of us, to which* it said, *Thomas, do you take up the sword;* so this relatant took up the sword, & the Apparition went on before him further into the Corps-Wood about 20 fugs; & this relatant then following it, the Apparition turning back, he this relatant stood about a fuge and a half from it, his said brother standing neer the place, where he first laid down the sword, & this relatant laid down the sword upon the ground, & saw something like a Mastiff-Dog of a brown colour, and the Apparition waving towards this relatant he stepped back about 3 steps, & the Apparition said, *Do not be afraid Thomas, for I have a permission for to reveal things unto thee, but have a Commission not to touch you;* & when it had taken up the sword, & went back to the place at which before it stood, when this relatant saw the Mastiff-Dog such as before, the Apparition pointed the top of the sword into the ground, & said, *In this place lyeth buried the bones of him that I murdered in the year 1635. which are now rotten and turned unto dust,* Whereupon the relatant said, *I adjure in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Ghost, wherefore did you this murder;* and it said, *I took money from him, and he contended with me for to keep it, and I was too hard for him, and so I murdered him with his own sword, which is this.* And this relatant asked it, *who was confederate with him in this murder* (this relatant being directed by the said Mayjor so to do) to which the Apparition said, *None; but my self;* & this relatant said, *what would you have me to do in this business or thing;* & the Apparition said, *This, that the world may know that I murdered a man & buried him in this place in the year 1635.* Then the Apparition layed down the sword immediately upon the bare Ground; where-

whereon grew nothing, but appeared to this Relatant a naked piece of ground, like a grave sunk in, and then the Apparition rushing further into the said Copps, Vanished out of his sight, and he saw it no more; whereupon this Relatant and his said Brother in-Law, *Will. Aven*, leaving the Sword, and both coming away, this Relatant's Brother in-Law, *Will. Aven*, asserted that he heard and understood what he said, and heard some other Voyce, distinctly from this Relatant's, but could not understand a word of it, and he saw no Apparition at all, as the said *Will. Aven*, affirmeth, All which this Relatant affirmeth, and doth attest it to be true under his hand the Day and Year above-said, and shall be ready to testify the same upon Oath, when he shall be required :

Witness his Hand,

Tho. Goddard.

In the presence of Mr. Christopher Lipyard, Major:
And Joshua Seth General Minister of St. Peter's in Marleborough.

And Master Rolf Bayly, Town-Clark of the said Borough.
And many other persons of credit.

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